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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to provide for Nebraska
- 2 Pioneer Farm Family License Plates; to provide powers and
- 3 duties for the Department of Motor Vehicles; and to
- 4 provide fees.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall design
2 license plates to be known as Nebraska Pioneer Farm Family License
3 Plates. The department shall:

4 (1) Include the words "Pioneer Farm Family" prominently
5 in the design;

6 (2) Use a covered wagon as the focus of the graphic
7 design;

8 (3) Use a reflectorized white background, contrasting
9 characters, and adhesive film;

10 (4) Provide for numbering plates consecutively beginning
11 with the number one or provide for message plates pursuant to
12 section 60-311.11 using letters or numbers or both of a size which
13 maximizes legibility; and

14 (5) Not use a county designation on the plates.

15 Sec. 2. (1) Beginning on January 1, 2002, a resident of
16 Nebraska may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for Nebraska
17 Pioneer Farm Family License Plates in lieu of regular license
18 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department
19 for any passenger vehicle, farm truck, self-propelled mobile home,
20 cabin trailer, or commercial truck registered for ten tons gross
21 weight or less pursuant to section 60-302. An applicant receiving
22 a plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons
23 or for a commercial truck or truck-tractor registered for a gross
24 weight of five tons or over shall affix the appropriate tonnage
25 sticker to the plate. The department shall make forms available
26 for such applications through the county treasurers or designated
27 county officials as provided in section 60-302. Each application
28 for initial issuance or renewal of the plates shall be accompanied

1 by a fee of seventy dollars for message plates and forty dollars
2 for numerical plates. The State Treasurer shall credit thirty
3 dollars of each fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund
4 and forty dollars of each fee for message plates and ten dollars of
5 each fee for numerical plates to the General Fund.

6 (2) When the department receives an application for the
7 plates, it shall deliver the plates to the county treasurer or
8 designated county official of the county in which the vehicle is
9 registered. The county treasurer or designated county official
10 shall issue the plates in lieu of regular license plates when the
11 applicant complies with the other provisions of law for
12 registration of the vehicle. If the plates are lost, stolen, or
13 mutilated, the licensee shall be issued replacement plates pursuant
14 to section 60-324.

15 (3) The owner of a vehicle bearing Nebraska Pioneer Farm
16 Family License Plates may make application to the county treasurer
17 or designated county official as provided in section 60-302 to have
18 such plates transferred to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle
19 for which such plates were originally purchased if such vehicle is
20 owned by the owner of the plates. Application for such transfer
21 shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected
22 pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State
23 Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

24 (4) If the cost of manufacturing Nebraska Pioneer Farm
25 Family License Plates at any time exceeds the amount charged for
26 license plates pursuant to subsection (5) of section 60-311, any
27 money to be credited to the General Fund shall instead be credited
28 first to the Highway Trust Fund in an amount equal to the

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1 difference between the manufacturing costs of such plates and the
2 amount charged pursuant to subsection (5) of section 60-311 with
3 respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the
4 General Fund.